

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service
Minutes

August 9, 2005

Minutes Approved at September 13, 2005 Meeting

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held its regular meeting on August 9, 2005 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Michael Fowler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Members present were: Terri Daviston, Thelon Hamby, David Roach, and Lauren McDonald.

Others Present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Janice Ross, Board Secretary, Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, John Massey, Inspector, and Howard Fields, Inspector.

Mr. Roach moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2005 meeting. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

New Business / Old Business / Correspondence

New Business

Mr. Hamby moved to rescind the policy adopted at the July 12 meeting whereby the Board required the Funeral Directors in Full and Continuous Charge to sign inspection reports if the report contains any violations and to come to the next Board meeting to address what actions have been taken to correct violations. The motion to rescind the policy is based on advice that the policy is not in compliance with Board rules. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Roach moved that continuing education classes for this renewal cycle do not have to be open to the general public as long as they have been approved by the State Board. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Hamby abstaining.

Mr. Fowler appointed Mr. Roach and Mr. Daviston to a committee to review licensure requirements for embalmer and funeral director in other states. Their findings will be presented to the Board for consideration in clarifying the reciprocity policy of the Board.

Mr. Hamby moved to deny the request to revise the state education requirements for Funeral Directors and Embalmers by calling attention to Georgia Code 43-18-41 (C), which states, "*in addition to the qualifications set out in subsection (a) of this Code section, an applicant for a funeral director's license shall have, prior to the issuance of said license, a valid embalmer's license...*" Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Atlanta Mortuary Services' request to operate out of Pope Dickson Funeral Home as a temporary location due to a fire which destroyed the building and to approve a 90 day grace period. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mr. Hamby moved to deny Donnie Pearce's request to waive continuing education requirements for this licensing period. He further moved to advise Mr. Pearce of his option to place his licenses on inactive status until such time as he feels he can return to practice. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to a motion to suspend Horace Hilton Hall's license to practice as a funeral director, License # FD002751, for failure to pay child support, and further moved that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Office of Child Support Enforcement. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Assistant Secretary of State Laura Meadows

Laura Meadows, Assistant Secretary of State, joined the meeting to discuss budgetary issues and to thank the board members for their service to the State on behalf of Secretary of State Cathy Cox. The Board appreciated her visit and discussion and conveyed their appreciation for the work of the Professional Licensing Boards staff.

Executive Session

Mr. Roach moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, investigations, and complaints. Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Davidson, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Fowler.

Appointments

The Board interviewed applicants for changes of funeral director in full and continuous charge, changes of name and address of funeral establishments, and approval as apprentice supervisor by trade embalmer.

Applications

JoAnn Lyde, Application Specialist, joined the meeting to present applications to the Board.

Complaints

Mr. Hamby, Cognizant Member, presented complaints to the Board.

Investigative Report

Chuck Miller, investigator with the Enforcement Section, presented investigative reports to the Board.

Open Session

Mr. Fowler declared the meeting open.

Appointments:

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Adrick A. Ingram as Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Peoples Funeral Home in Milledgeville. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Daviston opposing.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Joseph Darnell Wilson as Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home in Griffin. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Patty S. Hasty as Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of H. M. Patterson & Son Funeral Directors Funeral Home in Marietta. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve John Odum Hereford as Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Miles – Odum Funeral Home and Crematory in Waycross. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve John E. Daviston as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Daviston abstaining.

New Establishments

Mr. Roach moved to approve North Georgia Crematory in Lawrenceville as a new establishment with Randall Jeremy Watkins as the FDFCC. Mr. Hamby seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Holly Hill Memorial Chapel in Fairburn as a new establishment with Vincent Allen Kuklinski as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Brown Funeral Service in Buena Vista as a new establishment with Sherry A. Ward as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Ashburn Funeral Home as a new establishment with James B. Melton as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve Miles – Odum Funeral Home and Crematory as a new crematory establishment with John Odum Hereford as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried

90 Day Grace Periods

Mr. Hamby moved to approve the first 90-day grace period for Vance Brooks Funeral Home. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Renewals

The Board considered information submitted with the application for renewal of the establishment license for Sellers Brothers Funeral Home, Leo Ziegler Funeral Home and Pope Dickson Funeral Home. Mr. Hamby moved to approve Sellers Brothers Funeral Home, Leo Ziegler Funeral Home and Pope Dickson Funeral Home for renewal. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Applications:

Mr. Hamby moved to accept the applications as presented. Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. Motion carried. All issued licenses are listed as follows:

<u>license no</u>	<u>sort name</u>	<u>license no</u>	<u>sort name</u>
FSA004526	Pickens, Andrew Brian	FSA004535	Stilwell, Danny Dean
FSA004527	Wilson, Daniel Brian	FSA004536	Howell, Robert Charles
FSA004528	Maye, Carlton G, Jr	FSA004538	Bennett, Kenneth Jeffrey
FSA004529	Towler, Ronald Pate	FSA004539	Williamson, Linda Rinehart
FSA004530	Respress, Timothy Bernard	FSA004540	Perez, Jason Lee
FSA004531	Perez, Javier Humberto	FSA004541	Mosley, Delmus Gerald, Jr
FSA004532	Edwards, Matthew Lee	FSA004542	Fain, Waymon Harold
FSA004534	Hollingsworth, Stephanie Yvette	FSA004537	Parish, Jeremy Len
FSA004535	Stilwell, Danny Dean	FSA004538	Bennett, Kenneth Jeffrey
FSA004536	Howell, Robert Charles	FSA004539	Williamson, Linda Rinehart
FSA004537	Parish, Jeremy Len	FSA004540	Perez, Jason Lee
FSA004534	Hollingsworth, Stephanie Yvette	FSA004541	Mosley, Delmus Gerald, Jr
		FSA004542	Fain, Waymon Harold

Mr. Hamby moved to deny the application of Robert Ross. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve the application by Reciprocity for Funeral Director and Embalmer License of Kevin Duane Acre. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to deny license by Reciprocity for Funeral Director and Embalmer license of Michelle Givens, Sabrina Leon, Shelli Pennick-Howard, Carl Steige, Paul A. Drewitt, and Daphne Waters. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve the reinstatement of licenses for Funeral Director and Embalmer for Chad Denton Rike, John Lee Wright and Kini Burrell. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to approve the reinstatement of Embalmers license for Judge Benny Blair, Jr. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to table the application for reinstatement for Funeral Director and Embalmer for Samuel T. Spaulding for further consideration. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamby moved to accept the Consent Order on Ida Lou Simmons for licensure as an embalmer and funeral director. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

Complaints**FUN050049**

Mr. Hamby moved to advise the establishment that a refund is due to the customer and send back to investigations. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried

FUN050050

Mr. Hamby moved to return to investigations. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

FUN050050

Mr. Hamby moved to close this case. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

FUN050052

Mr. Hamby moved to forward to the Attorney General for a consent order for unlicensed practice, unprofessional conduct and a \$1,000 fine. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

FUN050063

Mr. Hamby moved to table this complaint. Mr. Roach seconded. Motion carried.

FUN060083

Mr. Hamby reported on this complaint. Mr. Roach moved to send the complaint to the Securities Division. Mr. Daviston seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.